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Daniel V. Speckhard assumed the position of Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad on August 1, 2006. Prior to this position, he served as Director of Strategic Governance and Economic Effects of the Mission. He was responsible for coordinating U.S. Government efforts to promote democratic development and good governance, reconstruction and economic growth in Iraq. In this capacity, he also was Director of the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office, which is responsible for programming \$21 billion of funds appropriated by Congress for supporting reconstruction, economic and democratic development, and security sector reforms in Iraq.

Ambassador Speckhard previously served as the Director of Policy Planning at NATO, responsible for advising and assisting the Secretary General, senior NATO management, and the North Atlantic Council on strategic issues facing the Alliance. In that capacity he worked on extending NATO relations to the broader Middle East, strengthening NATO capabilities for post-conflict stabilization operations, and enhancing civil-military cooperation.

Prior to this he was NATO's Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs, covering political relations with the countries of Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the former Soviet Union, and the Mediterranean. His directorate managed the process of NATO enlargement as well as the development of relations with Russia, Ukraine, the EU and OSCE. He received the NATO Service Medal for his work in support of crisis management in Macedonia, spending several months as NATO Senior Representative in Skopje at the height of the crisis.

From August 1997 to August 2000, he served as United States Ambassador to Belarus, working closely with the OSCE and European Union in promoting democratic reform, human rights, and institutional development. From 1993 to 1997, Ambassador Speckhard was a Deputy to the Ambassador-at-large for the New Independent States at the State Department in Washington. He was responsible for a broad range of political, security and economic issues involving the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union.

From 1990 to 1993, he was an Advisor and then Director of Policy and Resources for the Deputy Secretary of State. He was responsible for the coordination and oversight of foreign aid funding in support of foreign policy objectives and received special recognition for his role in reorienting foreign assistance programs to meet the new challenges of post-Cold War era.

From 1981 to 1990, he had a number of assignments, including at the International Affairs Division of the Office of Management and Budget; the US Agency for International Development; the staff of the US Senate; as well as in state and local government.

Ambassador Speckhard has a Masters Degree in Public Policy and Administration; a Masters Degree in Economics; and a Bachelors Degree from the University of Wisconsin.